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STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The last communication we have received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark office on the above-identified application was dated August 25, 2011; for which we filed a response to on September 26, 2011. Please let us know the status of this application and whether we can expect to receive a response to the September 26, 2011 Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Review.

Please direct any response or inquiry to the below-signed attorney. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to facilitate resolution of this inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

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